Amendment and Response
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 6-8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 21-25, and 26 without prejudice.

Please add claims 27-37.

Please amend claims 1, 9, 14, and 15 as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of imaging transparency sheet media, comprising:

detecting a transparency media designation associated with an electronic document file;

determining a mirror imaging ~~status~~ selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, including prompting a user of the mirror imaging selection and receiving in response thereto user input designating mirror imaging of the electronic document file;

deriving an electronic mirror image corresponding to the electronic document file in accordance with ~~the status~~ the user input of the mirror imaging selection; and

forming [[an]] a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, and further comprising receiving the electronic document file from a user computer.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, and further comprising receiving the electronic document file from an optical scanner.

4.   (Cancelled)

5.   (Cancelled)

6-8.   (Cancelled)

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9.   (Currently Amended) A computer-accessible storage media including an executable program code, the program code configured to cause a processor to:

        detect a transparency media designation associated with an electronic document file;

        ~~determine~~ prompt a user for a mirror imaging ~~status~~ selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, and receive in response thereto user input designating mirror imaging of the electronic document file;

        derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with ~~the status~~ the user input of the mirror imaging selection; and

        transmit the electronic mirror image to an imaging apparatus and form a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media with the imaging apparatus in accordance with the electronic mirror image.

10.   (Original) The computer-accessible storage media of claim 9, and wherein the computer-accessible storage media includes one of a compact disk, a magnetic disk, or a solid state memory.

11.   (Cancelled)

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Original) The computer-accessible storage media of claim 9, and wherein the program code is further configured such that deriving the electronic mirror image includes transposing imaging information within the electronic document file about a predetermined line of symmetry.

14.   (Currently Amended) An imaging apparatus, comprising:

        an imaging engine configured to form images on a sheet media; and

        a controller coupled in controlling relationship with the imaging engine, the controller including a processor and a computer-accessible storage media, the computer-accessible storage media including an executable program code, the program code configured to cause the processor to:

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detect a transparency media designation associated with an electronic document file;

~~determine~~ prompt a user for a mirror imaging ~~status~~ selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, and receive in response thereto user input designating mirror imaging of the electronic document file;

derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with ~~the status~~ the user input of the mirror imaging selection; and

control the imaging engine to form [[an]] a mirror image on a transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image.

15.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, and wherein the executable program code is further configured to cause [[a]] the processor to receive the electronic document file from a user computer.

16.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, and wherein the executable program code is further configured to cause the processor to receive the electronic document file from an optical scanner.

17.   (Cancelled)

18.   (Cancelled)

19.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, and wherein the computer-accessible storage media includes one of a compact disk, a magnetic disk, or a solid-state memory.

20.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, and wherein the imaging engine is defined by one of a laser imaging engine, an inkjet imaging engine, or a thermal imaging engine.

21-25. (Cancelled)

26.   (Cancelled)

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27.   (New) A method of imaging transparency sheet media, comprising:

detecting a transparency media designation of an electronic document file;

determining a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, including detecting an automatic mirror imaging designation for the electronic document file as the mirror imaging selection;

deriving an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the automatic mirror imaging designation; and

forming a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image.

28.   (New) The method of claim 27, and further comprising receiving the electronic document file from a user computer.

29.   (New) The method of claim 27, and further comprising receiving the electronic document file from an optical scanner.

30.   (New) A computer-accessible storage media including an executable program code, the program code configured to cause a processor to:

detect a transparency media designation of an electronic document file;

detect an automatic mirror imaging designation of the electronic document file as a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation;

derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the automatic mirror imaging designation; and

transmit the electronic mirror image to an imaging apparatus and form a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media with the imaging apparatus in accordance with the electronic mirror image.

31.   (New) The computer-accessible storage media of claim 30, and wherein the computer-accessible storage media includes one of a compact disk, a magnetic disk, or a solid state memory.

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32.   (New) The computer-accessible storage media of claim 30, and wherein the program code is further configured such that deriving the electronic mirror image includes transposing imaging information within the electronic document file about a predetermined line of symmetry.

33.   (New) An imaging apparatus, comprising:

an imaging engine configured to form images on a sheet media; and

a controller coupled in controlling relationship with the imaging engine, the controller including a processor and a computer-accessible storage media, the computer-accessible storage media including an executable program code, the program code configured to cause the processor to:

detect a transparency media designation of an electronic document file;

detect an automatic mirror imaging designation of the electronic document file as a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation;

derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the automatic mirror imaging designation; and

control the imaging engine to form a mirror image on a transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image.

34.   (New) The apparatus of claim 33, and wherein the executable program code is further configured to cause the processor to receive the electronic document file from a user computer.

35.   (New) The apparatus of claim 33, and wherein the executable program code is further configured to cause the processor to receive the electronic document file from an optical scanner.

36.   (New) The apparatus of claim 33, and wherein the computer-accessible storage media includes one of a compact disk, a magnetic disk, or a solid-state memory.

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37.   (New) The apparatus of claim 33, and wherein the imaging engine is defined by one of a laser imaging engine, an inkjet imaging engine, or a thermal imaging engine.